HIS MAIESTIES *MESSAGE*

Sent to the PARLIAMENT,
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Concerning His Reſolution to go into *Ireland* for ſuppreſſing the Rebels there.

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His Maieſties Meſſage the eighth of *Aprill*, 1642.

HIs Majeſty being grieved at the very ſoule for the calamity of His good Subjects in *Ireland*, and being moſt tenderly ſenſible of moſt falſe and ſcandalous Reports diſperſed amongſt the people concerning the Rebellion there, which not onely wonnds His Majeſty in Honour, but greatly retards the reducing of that unhappy Kiugdome, and multiplies the diſtractions at home,by weakening the mutuall confidence betwixt him and his people, (Out of his Pious Zeale to the honour of Almighty God in eſtabliſhing the true Proteſtant Profeſſion in that Kingdome, and his Princely care for the good of all His Dominions) hath firmely reſolved with all convenient ſpeed to goe into *Jreland*, to chaſtiſe thoſe wicked and deteſtable Rebels (*odious to God and all good men*) thereby ſo to ſettle the peace of that Kingdome, and the ſecurity of this, that the very name of fears and Iealouſiess may be no more heard of amongſt us.

As his Maieſty doubts not, but that His Parliament will cheerfully give all poſſible Aſſiſtance to this good work; ſo He requires them aud all his loving Subiects to believe, That he ſhall upon thoſe Conſideration as earneſtly purſue this Deſign (not declining any hazard of his perſon, in performing that Duty which he oweth to the defence of Gods true Religion and his diſtreſſed Subiects, and for theſe and onely theſe ends he undertakes it, to the ſincerity of which Profeſſion he cal's God to witneſſe, with this further aſſurance that his Maieſty will never conſent (upon whatſoever pretenbe) to a tolleration of the Popiſh Profeſſion there, or the Abolition of the Laws now in force againſt Popiſh Recuſants in that Kingdome.

His Maieſty hath further thought fit to advertiſe His Parliament, That towards this work He intends to raiſe forthwith, by his Commiſſions, in the Counties neer *Weſtcheſter*, a Guard for His own perſon (when he ſhall come into *Ireland*) conſiſting of 2000 Foot, and 200 horſe, which ſhall be Armed *Weſtcheſter* from his Magazine at *Hull*: At which time all the Officers and Souldiers ſhall take the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance: The charge of raiſing and paying whereof His Maieſty deſires His *Parliament* to adde to their former Undertakings for that War which his Maieſtie will not onely well accept; but if their Pay be found too great a Burthen to his good Subiects, his Maieſtie will be willing (by the advice of his *Parliament*,) to ſell or pawne any of his Parks, Lands, or houſes towards the ſupplies of *Ireland*: With the addition of thoſe Leavies to the former of Engliſh and Scots agreed npon in Parliament, he hopes ſo to appeare in this Action, that (by the aſſiſtance of Almighty God) in a ſhort time that Kingdome may be wholly reduced and reſtored to Peace, and ſome meaſure of happineſſe, whereby he may cheerefully returne, to be welcomed home with the affections of his loving Engliſh people.

Toward this good Worke, as his Majeſtie hath lately made diſpatches into Scotland, to quicken the Levies) there for *Ulſter*, ſo he heartily wiſheth that the Parliament here would give all poſſible expedition for thoſe which they have reſolved for *Munſter* and *Connaght*, and hopes the encouragements which the Adventurers (of whoſe Intereſt His Majeſty will be alwayes very carefull) will hereby receive, as likewiſe by the late ſigning of a Commiſſion for the late Affaires of *Ireland*, to ſuch perſons as were recommended to him by both Houſes of Parliament, will raiſe full ſummes of Money for the doing thereof.

His Majeſty hath beene likewiſe pleaſed out of His earneſt deſire to remove all occaſions (which doe unhappily multiply miſunderſtanding between him and his Parliament) to prepare a Bill to be offered them by His Attourney concerning the *Militia*, where He hopes the peace and ſafety of this Kingdome may be fully ſecured to the generall ſatisfaction of all men without violation of His Majeſties juſt Rights or prejudice to the Liberty of the Subject, if it ſhall bee thankfully received he is glad of it, if refuſed, he calls God and all the World to judge, on whoſe part the default is.

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John Dyer his hand and pen

One thing His Maieſty requires, that if any Corporation ſhall make their lawfull Rights appeare, they may be received unto them, before His Maieſty ſhall part from *Eugland*, He will take all due care to intruſt ſuch perſons with ſuch Anthority in His abſence, as He ſhall find to be requiſite for the Peace and ſafety of the Kingdome, and the Happy Progreſſe of the Parliament.

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